

• One thing we have learned around here is that all good things take time. Add Riverside Park's quick growing grass to the list.

• Depot Town's delegate to the Democratic Party County Convention encourages more to become involved with openings in both the 1st and 2nd precinct. If you would like to join the Depot Town Delegation, contact Greg at 482-6371.

• Depot Town sculptor John Pappas has recently been appointed to a State board on the art of State Buildings. Pappas also presented Governor and Mrs. Milliken with a sculpture.

• Somebody recently spray painted a four letter word known to all on the side of the DTA caboose. *!O him!

• A Rag raffle ticket has been sent as a gift to the new born son of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Bet they're hoping for the color T.V. for the throne room.

• Brand new for this year's festival through the labors of John Waite: festivalers arriving in the morning on Amtrak from Detroit, and taking the train back that evening. Perfect!

• Welcome to our block four new businesses! Already open for business are Bell's Pizza at 35 E. Cross, Gosa's Creative Photography Studio at 6 E. Cross, and Esquire Interiors at 8 E. Cross—just east of the river. Set to open this fall is Bette Beck's. The Deli Shoppe, at 17 E. Cross. Introduce yourselves to our new neighbors and toast to their success!

RAGTIME

• Last year's halloween party for kids in the Freight House was such a success that planning for this years will begin this month. Skits from the Ypsilanti Players, movies, games, costume contests & other treats makes the kid's Kostume Kaper a great easily evening event.

• Jim Bradley, the master plaster caster at J & J Plastercraft has restored the plaster ceiling in the Ypsilanti Museum's main room after leakage damaged it last month. Jim will also be restoring the ornate plaster ceiling in Ann Arbor's Hoover Mansion.

• Confidential to Jeff White: owooooo.

• Dave Doty of River Street Waterbeds tells us that Tucson, Arizona has just been named the "Waterbed Capital of the World." Oh. You already knew that?

• If you don't ask, you don't get department: Ypsilanti councilmember Faizi Faz Husain, hearing that Sheik Mohammad Al-fassi was in Detroit on a tour of good will to atone for his "stiffing" a major hotel, went to meet with the Sheik and told him of Ypsilanti. The Sheik obviously liked what he heard, and presented the City of Ypsilanti with a \$3,000 check.

• Last months Depot Town visit by writer Rick Silvani of the Detroit News turned into a fine article in that paper about our block and the Heritage Festival.

• The Sidetrack/Apple Annie's Woman's softball team had their backs to the wall needing to win three straight games against some tough apponants to win the District Championshp — and convincingly, they did just that! Now there off to the state finals in Lansing starting September 4th. Bus trips for fans are being organized at both Sidetrack and Apple Annie's.

• The Farmer's Market growers have recently formed an association called the Ypsi Market Growers Assoc. The YMGA will make their fundraising debut Saturday, August 28th with a "home grown on the cob" corn roast outside on the market wagon. Stop by and show your support for these long standing Depot Town merchants.

• Channel 2's P.M. Magazine brought their cameras to Depot Town August 15th for a special preview on the Heritage Festival. They spent about 90 minutes filming and talking in front of R Art Works for the segment to be shown on thurs., August 26th.

• Depot Town's Depot Exchange Antiques, Jim MacDonald's Antiques, and The Treasure Shop remind you to visit Antique Show and Sale at the Community Center Building - 2 blks. west of Depot Town.

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APPLE HARVEST WEEKEND

Fire area orchards will be involved in Ypsilanti's first annual "Apple Harvest Weekend" october 1, 2, & 3. A banjo-fiddling competition, art booths, theatre, horse drawn haywagons and the crowning of Ypsilanti's 1st Harvest Queen will be the core of this three day celebration of the harvest season.

The Ypsilanti area boasts a history rich in apple growing. Wiard's Orchards, founded in 1853, are still family owned and operated. Four other area orchards - Wasem's and Apple Hill in Willis, Plymouth Orchard and Saline Orchard - have long contributed to the wealth of the area's apple industry.

Sponsored by the Ypsilanti Visitors and Convention Bureau and the participating orchards, other events include apple bobbing, pie baking contests, a fun run, & lots of down home cooking.

TOWNER HOUSE SAVED

Ypsilanti's oldest home has been saved from it's ill-fated destiny of a parking lot. The 144 year old Towner House, N. Huron, will become a hands-on museum for children under a 10 year lease between the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti - owners of the house - and the Ypsilanti Historic Society.

Several times in the past year was the building close to being torn down, but will now be renovated in stages over the next 3 years.

Dr. William Edmunds and Judy White, co-chairpersons of the "Friends of the Towner House" say that the Friends will be responsible for renovating the keeping up the building. Work crews have been busy cleaning the long abandoned structure in preparation for a Heritage Festival Open House.

In celebration of the Towner House project, the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Band will perform on the Towner House lawn on Saturday, August 28th at 1:30. They will be followed at 6:00 p.m. by the 5th Michigan Regiment Band.

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February 28 1874: Annual meeting of the Farmer's Trade Association was held at the Follet House Hotel (17 E. Cross) and largely attended. The annual report speaks of the "unusual depression in the mercantile world this past year" affecting the Association and others.

July 4th 1894: 30,000 people or more gathered for the Independence Day celebration. Nineteen railroad cars brought people from Detroit. 21 coaches brought people from Hillsdate, Manchester, Saline, and other Waystations on the old Huckleberry Line. Ypsilanti has always been famous for its parades attended by huge crowds and this was not the 1st parade nor the last —.

April 1870: O.E. Thompson and Sons have just acquired the big brick building, N.E. corner of River Street and East Cross, moving their wagon making to that location and kept on making carriages and hand garden tools.

March 1 1873: G.R. Patterson again assumed full management of the "Ypsilanti Commercial." A quote from the "Commercial" of that date. "The new Cross Street Bridge is ready for wagon and team traffic. It was built by the American Bridge Company of Chicago. Two trusses 231 feet long, 37½ feet wide... total cost of \$12,000."

November 21 1871: David Gardner, well known to the community, not only as an estimable citizen, but also as an inveterate old bachelor, has at last surrendered and is now actually married.

A 125 YEAR GAME OF BRIDGE

In 1856 the first Cross Street Bridge — a wooden structure about 4' wide — was torn down and replaced. All was well again between the East Side and the West Side of Ypsilanti. For political reasons, the East side had seceded from the rest of the city in 1855 to form East Ypsilanti. Amenities were made the following year and a larger traffic bearing bridge was both welcome and necessary. One down. Four to go.

The emergence of the Railroad in the 1860's resulted in E. Cross Street becoming a bustling commercial/residential area and wear and tear on the then heavily traveled bridge was evident.

Mark Norris, a native Detroiter who was responsible for building many of Depot Town's present structures, paid for the demolition of the 2nd Cross Street Bridge and for the building of the 3rd from his own pocket. It was completed in 1873...and lasted for 36 years.

In 1909, work started on what is now the present Cross Street Bridge. Completed and in use by 1913, bridge travelers by motorcar, horse and buggy or by foot would admire the enormous concrete structure—rising from the Huron River, held high by powerful concrete columns and arches. "This bridge will last forever," it was said. "Or at least until Spring of 1983."

Cross Street Bridge #4 is going to be torn down.

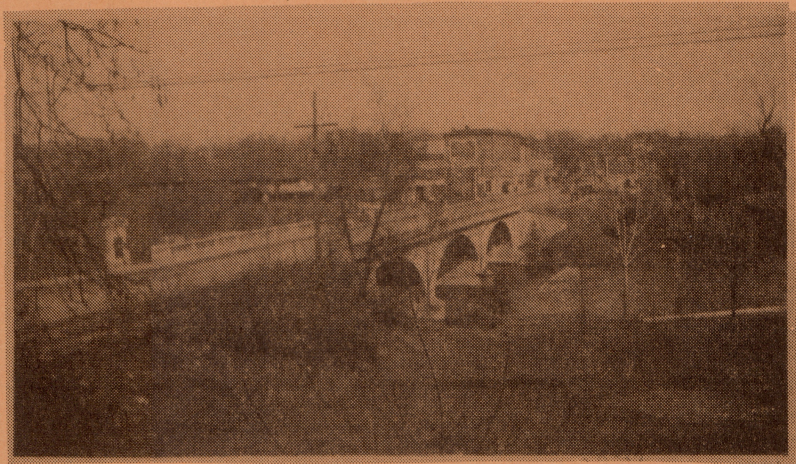
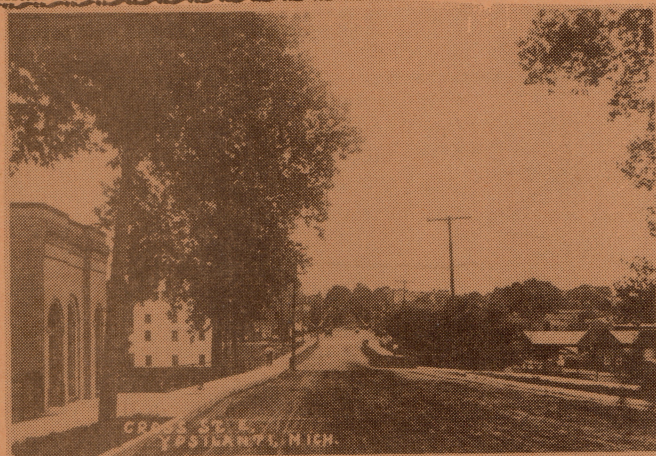
In January of this year, a car hit the railing of the bridge sending some of the ornate concrete corbels into the river. Temporary repairs were made and an inspection by City consulting engineers McDonnell Proudfoot and Associates followed. Damage was more serious than originally thought.

Much to be disconcertion of local history buffs, the installation of aluminum guard rails had begun. Work stopped when it was discovered that the bridge needed to be replaced—not repaired. A 10 mile per hour speed limit and a 10 ton weight limit has been in force since May.

City manager Van Whaler says that the funding for the \$600,000 + project is all but certain (the present bridge cost \$69,000) and construction should start next spring. The new bridge will consist of four traffic lanes instead of the present two, and completion is scheduled well ahead of next year's Heritage Festival.

Good news is that the new bridge will be the same type of concrete structure, including the arches and ornate railings.

This bridge will last forever.



Cross Street Bridges #3 and 4 built in 1983 and 1913

THE NEW RIVERSIDE PARK — SEE? THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO SOMETHING RIGHT!

The New Riverside Park will be welcomed by Festival visitors this month but the grass certainly won't be mature for the event. Bruce Rankin, the landscape architect whose firm planned and executed the nearly quarter of a million dollar, state-funded project for the City, says the grass will be re-seeded and made ready for final approval and completion for Spring 1983.

The new parking, road and pathway plan should be a great improvement to the traffic and use plan for the park and encourage its practical use by even more citizens!

The wrought iron lampposts are not expected to be delivered and installed until after Festival time, but the underground electrical system is in place.

The focal point of the total design is certainly the fifty-foot octagonal deck which hangs over the Huron River. Since its completion, the deck and dock area have become a favorite observation point for the fabrication, the structure might almost be called a sculptural installation. Indeed, it underlines the place-ness and invites the viewer to become a participant with the surrounding natural interaction of the meadow, grove and river (!)

Behnke Construction of Ann Arbor spent more than one month building the magnificent structure and it should be added to that list of local exclamation points to our small urban environment: the water tower, the many jewels of the Historic District and the MCRR Depot.

The park rehabilitation and stage dedication will take place during Festival, Friday, August 27 at 5 p.m. when the Michigan Brass Quintet will perform there.

Other park stage events for the Festival include:

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| 1 pm | Ragtime Charlie and Sister Kate |
| 2 pm | The Corner Theatre Troupe |
| 3 pm | Old Style Chautauqua Debates and Oratory |
| 4 pm | Ypsilanti Area Dancers |
| 5 pm | Michigan Brass Quintet |
| Saturday | |
| 1 pm | Gosple Singing Jubilee |
| 2 pm | Heritage Style Show |
| 3 pm | The Michigan 4-H Performing Arts Troupe |
| 4 pm | 5th Regiment Band |
| 5 pm | Stony Creek - bluegrass |
| 5:45 | Crazy Hats contest |
| Sunday | |
| 11 am | Salvation Army Band and Service |
| noon | Aerobic Dance Team |
| 1 pm | Michigan 4-H Performing Arts Troupe |
| 2 pm | Sumpter Community Choir & Gemini |
| 3 pm | Action Figures - pop/rock Awards & Prizes |
| 5 pm | Beard and Mustache Contest |

DEPOT TOWN — THE MOVIE

D.T. The Exarchitectural? The first step in the making of a professional film about this unique neighborhood is complete: a \$1200 grant from the Michigan Council of the Arts and Community Development Block Grant funds has made possible the "treatment and script" which were reviewed in June and are now ready for submission and application for additional grants and funds to complete the ambitious project.

Veteran Ann Arbor filmmaker, Douglas Rideout of Liberty Films is that Boston accent behind the enormous handlebar mustache who has been peeking and prying around the block these last six months. The purpose of the film, after working with D.T.A. and City representative is to document and capture the character of the neighborhood and to emphasize the restoration and revitalization of a once-decaying district and to accent the heritage of an older community and the rebirth of old values common to an earlier urban experience. That kind of language is what should help the film's promoters to solicit even more funds for its completion and it is also how many of us see ourselves when we can take time to put down hammer or paintbrush and reflect on what is really going on in Depot Town.

The film will be aimed primarily toward tourism, but also toward future grants and funding, as well as toward urban planners, investors, television and the entertainment industry.

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Rideout's current version of the script (no film has been shot yet) is approximately twenty-four minutes long and truly meets the above stated purposes. Fall meetings in the caboose will give many the opportunity to give final script approval and to see ourselves through the eyes of a highly talented filmmaker. Currently, negotiations are under way for additional funding, distribution rights and royalties from the finished product.

Doug Ridout is well known in the film business and has garnered many awards in film festivals around the world. His handling of the Depot Town epic is colorful, personal, warm and artistic. Learning heavily on the relationship of people to the railroad, Rideout has featured such local personalities as Jack Miller, Ruby Whitcroft, Jonesy, Emma Hall, Betty Wood and the Shankwilers. Watch for the next announcement of a reading of the script...and don't miss this exciting preview. With financing in place, the film project is expected to take a year and a half to complete. We oughta be in pictures...and we are.

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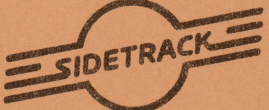
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Well! Here I am at the 1982 Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. The weather's perfect and my! There's lots to do. Everything from circuses to theatre to antique cars, parades, and music. I work up quite an appetite at parties like this so it makes sense to check out the eateries.

First I stopped at the Old Town Restaurant, where I talked with owner John Kornilakus, a **personal friend of mine**. John told me how he had 14 years experience in the pizza and restaurant business before he opened the Old Town in 1973. "John," I probed, "it seems that the Old-Town is always busy. In these tough times what's your secret?" "The best quality food at the best possible price" said John. "And there's always familiar faces." Familiar faces! Opal, Ruby, and Reese, **all personal friends of mine**, have waitressed there for 28 years between them! And I can't boil water!!!

In 1978 John successfully doubled the size of the dining room by expanding into the building next door. John, his wife Shirley, son Tom, and all the kids plan to keep the restaurant going for a long time in the same fine tradition. "Say John! How many calories in a piece of that strawberry shortcake?" (I'm only asking!!)

I didn't eat that strawberry shortcake (well, maybe a teensy bite) but I couldn't



**shirley
Eater**

resist the burger at my next stop, the Sidetrack. Kitchen manager (and close friend). Linda Sksek told me how daily customers come to quench their "Track Attack" with a burger, hand out fries, and delicious home made soup or salad. This columnist then sampled a bite of a customer's Rueben (when he wasn't looking, of course!!) and was in *heaven!* Quality cocktails and 8 draft beers are served from behind a gorgeous 19th century backbar. I ordered a double perfer Souther Comfort Manhattan with a twist...up, grabbed a handful of goldfish, and went on to my next stop. Aubree's Saloon. Nice Awning.

I went on in and meet with owners Bill and Sandee French and long-time bartender Marilyn Ames, my close personal friend. Marilyn explained how last spring the bar was renovated with interior as well as facade improvements. "Burgers, pizza and potato skins are favorites, Marilyn explained. "What about Marilyn's famous chili?" I asked. (I just *had* to ask!!) Before I knew it, there was a bowl in front of me, and...well, *this is a festival!* And I *am* working, so now to

visit Depot Town's newest, (as soon as I'm finished chewing, that is!!), Bell's Pizza and manager Peter Matheson. I asked Peter when he opened in Depot Town. "Well, Shirley," he answered "We opened at the beginning of August and we are the fifth Bell's restaurant to open in the area." One of the other Bell's restaurants (I was there as a personal guest of the owner) is the Falifil Hut at Briarwood Mall, where I once saw the most *darling* pair of black pumps — just like Ava Gardner wore in *Scaramouche*.

Well how could I not sample that scrumptious smelling pizza after conjuring up such delicious images? "A small house special, and a diet Pepsi."

Perhaps a sherbet for dessert? It's on the Millers Ice Cream, where Rex and Sally Richie (*both* personal friends) asked what I would have. My waist said lime sherbet, my eyes said double hot fudge sundae with the works.

The eyes have it!! Well, this reporter enjoyed some great eating here in Depot Town! You know, just a *smidgeon* of chocolate would be *devine!*

Eater Raves: Cold plate and homemade pies at the Old Town; Ruebens, burgers, taco salads at the Sidetrack; the house special and roast beef sub at Bell's.

JAZZ: A NEW TRADITION IN DEPOT TOWN

It was only a year ago that the first jazz event was staged on this block, reminiscent of the community dances in Depot Town attended by children, grandparents, and all in between at the turn of the century. Already jazz is looked upon as one of the traditions of the district.

Fall 1981: DTA treasurer, Greg Hochradel, looked at the previous Festival's beer tent operations as a potential opportunity for raising funds. Good music, he reasoned, could be free... and draw more folks looking for a chance to sit down, quaff a brew in the shade, and buy the beer from the Association. Last year's Jazz tent behind Aubree's Saloon sat over seven hundred people and it was a popular spot during every downpour of unseasonable rain. Many other Festival events were rained out, but the DTA/WEMU Jazz/beer tent was packed to capacity all weekend, with an additional 350 seats on the open-air patio during the dryer performances. ("Dry," in this case, refers only to the weather, since O & W distributing was a backer of the event.)

Winter 1981-82: Following the concept that if one is good, six is better, Hochradel began promoting the Depot Town/WEMU Winter Jazz Series: six monthly concert/dances in the Farmers Market Freight House, featuring the best in Detroit and Ann Arbor area groups with much the same format as the festival tent. All shows were a sell out and as Jim Kane of the Ann Arbor News said "The Depot Town Winter Jazz Series is as much a festive occasion as it is a musical event. Hats off to the DTA for making it possible." All six events were delightful musical masterpieces.

The rental fees paid by the DTA enabled the city to install four new gas furnaces in the otherwise unheated 100 year old building.

Spring 1982: June 12th was the date as Frog Island (Ypsilanti's best kept secret) hosted the 1st annual Best of Depot Town Jazz Festival, an all day event featuring favorites from the Winter Jazz Series — the Washtenaw Community College Jazz Ensemble, Misbehavin', The Alberta Adams Blues Band, The Marcus Belgrave Septet, and the Lymon Woodard Organization.

About 2,000 people attended and had an excellent time despite off and on rains through the day. Depot Towners Hockradel, McKeever, Dodd, Gross, Richie, and other volunteered many hours of planning and work for this event that will definately remain as an annual affair.

Summer again 1982: With undampened enthusiasm, Hockradel, the DTA, WEMU, and O & W Distributing plan for this Heritage Festival Jazz Competition a larger tent, more great jazz artists, live programming over national public radio, and bright, blue, sunny skies. Located right next to the D.T.A. Caboose, *festivalites* are encouraged to take advantage of this fine 3 day concert. What's more, it's all absolutely free!

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, I want to congratulate you all on the success of the recent Frog Island Jazz Concert.

George Klein in the Ypsilanti Press wrote that "There was a festival atmosphere that resembled a huge picnic more than a concert. It felt really good to realize that this was happening right here in Ypsilanti instead of Pine Knob or Hart Plaza." I couldn't have expressed my feelings about this event any better.

I think we all appreciate the effort you have put into this event; it makes Ypsilanti a more attractive and enjoyable place for all of us to live and work.

Again, my congratulations on the success of the Jazz Festival.

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—"Money" by Barrett Strong, Tamla, 1960.

This Rag that you're reading is paid for solely by the advertising of Depot Town merchants. Since the volunteer Rag Staff started this monthly montage back in January, circulation has gone from 250 to 1,000 copies distributed free each month, and from 4 to 6 pages. 3000 copies of this issue have been distributed and, starting with September's Rag, we hope to grow again to 1500 copies.

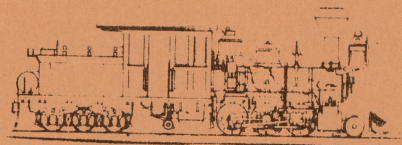
Now, were heard a lot of people say that they love the Rag, but when it's time to pay the bill, does Gary from Sun Graphics want **loving** or **cash**? Does Bret at Speedy Printing want to get **laid** or want to get **paid**?

As Depot Town merchants have already been most generous in their support, we needed a fundraiser and came up with the Rag Raffle. And what a raffle it is!

First prize, from Depot Town's Huron Valley T.V., is a brand new R.C.A. 19" color television. The second prize, from Ypsi Cycle at 207 W. Cross and Depot Town's Sidetrack Bar is a new Sekai 10 - speed bicycle. Tickets cost only \$1.00 each and are available at the Jazz competition beer tent near the caboose, and most Depot Town shops. Winner's names will be drawn and announced on Sunday, August 29th from the stage at the Jazz Comp. You needn't be present to win. Prizes will be on display in front of Miller's Ice Cream throughout the Festival.

We do need your help to expand our distribution, letting more folks know of the events in our neighborhood and the progress towards our goal of a renovated commercial/residential district, rich with it's history, it's people, and it's future.

And that takes mo-o-o-oney...!



29 June 1982

Ypsilanti has been blessed with a rich and exciting heritage. Our landmarks are known nation wide. The Water Tower, the Train Depot, the Hutchinson Mansion and the Towner House are just a few. Though beautiful and well known these landmarks are not Ypsilanti's only treasures. Our generation and generations to come have the gift of our ancestors through countless articles, photos, antiques, and artifacts. Scores of these items can be found in Ypsilanti's very own Historical museum, located at 220 S. Huron. Now people from all around can visit the museum and catch a glimpse of Ypsilanti's past.

The wonders of this little museum weren't always available. The museum itself has an interesting past. By taking notes during a delightful narrative by Phoebe Miller the Ypsilanti Historical Museum story unfolds.

In the late 1950's a man by the name of Louis White began collecting artifacts and recording local history as a hobby. Mr. White's hobby started changing to a more serious pursuit in October of 1960 when he invited interested parties to a meeting at Easterbrook school to discuss the possibilities of forming a Historical Society. With plenty of enthusiasm generated at the small October meeting, a Board was formed in November 1960 to call future meetings.

By January 1961 the Ypsilanti Historical Society was recognized by City Council. Now being legitimate, and with more and more Ypsilantians showing an interest in its past the newly formed Society needed a place to meet. Also with the increased interest there came an increasing collection of photos, antiques maps and many other things dealing with our heritage. It was time to start looking for a space that could be used for meetings and a museum.

The first site considered for the museum was the Ladies Library but at the time there was a controversy about that beautiful building being torn down. Imagine that. So still no museum and a budget didn't yet exist. For lack of a better meeting place, the monthly meetings were held in the homes of the members.

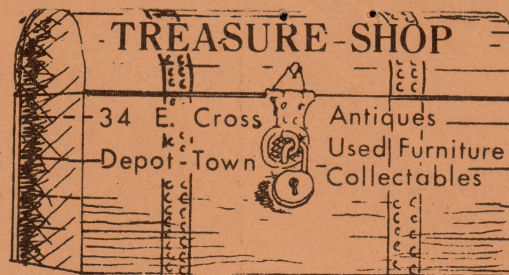
Now the Historical Society was beginning to roll. Being incorporated in 1962 opened up another avenue for acquiring history by making the acceptance of gifts and donations legs. Meanwhile the entire collection of the not yet existing museum was crammed into a closet on the third floor of the old City Hall.

Finally in 1964 the city offered the basement of the Ypsilanti Library to the Historical Society for their museum.

Even though faced with coal still in the coal bin and a virtually untouched cellar the members were ecstatic. With a lot of volunteer help and some used display cases from the U of M the cellar was transformed into the all new Ypsilanti Historical Museum.

The Museum remained at this location holding regular meetings until 1972. At this time the Library was expanded and the city offered an old apartment building at 220 S. Huron to the Society for their museum. They accepted. With more work by more volunteers tearing out dropped ceiling, changing apartments back into bedrooms, dining rooms etc. the Ypsilanti Historical Museum as it is today was formed.

The museum and archives are ready and waiting to entertain you with a ton of history from our very own past.



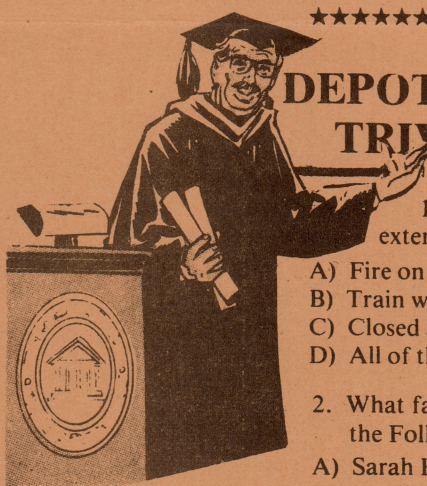
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FOLLETT HOUSE FACADE

There's a dramatic facelift in store for three fifths of the Follett House. Jerry Meadows and Alex and Marybelle Suczek, who own the portions of the 123 year old building at numbers 17, 19 and 21 E. Cross street, were informed this month that their municipal loan application won approval from the review committee. A favorable vote of City Council is expected.

"It's our chance to launch the historic restoration in earnest," said co-owner Alex S. Suczek. "With this loan and matching funds we can put back a lot of the detail of the Follett House in its heyday of the 19th century. That includes the store fronts, awnings for the windows and a replica of the original cornice and decoration over the center arch that crowned the facade on Cross street."

Plans for the rear are more novel. "Since the market makes the back of our building another facade," explained Suczek, "it is really essential to repair all the decay in that wall. We'll repair the structural damage in that wall and at the same time rework the hodgepodge of openings into attractive windows and doorways that will enhance the apartments and allow the shops to open their back doors to market customers. These improvements, together with the handsome modern staircase should certainly add greatly to the attractiveness of the market area."



DEPOT TOWN COLLEGE OF TRIVIAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which of the following causes resulted in extensive damage to the Depot and in what year?

- A) Fire on 3rd floor in 1910
- B) Train wreck in 1939
- C) Closed and boarded up 1955
- D) All of the above

2. What famous actor/performer drew thousands to the Follett House Hotel (19 E. Cross) in 1876?

- A) Sarah Bernhardt in "Camille"
- B) Lydia Thompson "The Mother of Burlesque"

C) General Tom Thumb with P.T. Barnum D) Child actor Ronald Reagan

3. The empty lot next to the "Sidetrack" once boasted what type of business, and what destroyed it?

- A) Cabinet Maker; fire
- B) Tobacco Shop; train derailment
- C) Blacksmith Shop; lightning/fire
- D) Opera House; A very high "C"

4. Which Depot Town building was quickly converted to a military barracks during the Civil War?

- A) Freight House
- B) Newell Block (42 E. Cross)
- C) Thompson Building (404 N. River)
- D) Millworks Building (312 N. River)

Answers:

1. D; 2. C; 3. B and C

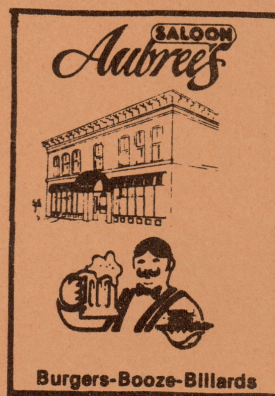
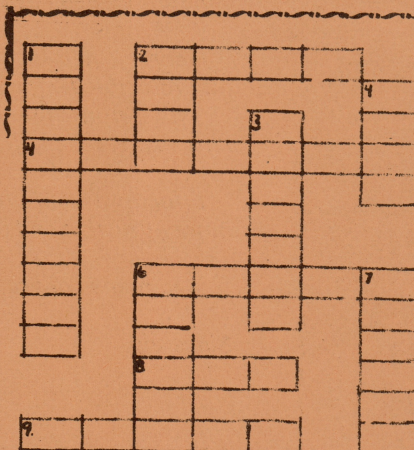
Find the Heritage Festival Events in the puzzle below. Go on. Find 'em.

DOWN

- 1. Heritage Festival Foot Race
- 2. Vehicle on the Huron
- 3. End of Train
- 4. _____ Sale
- 6. 220 N. Huron
- 7. Frog Island Activities

ACROSS

- 2. Huron River Raft Race
- 4. Heritage Festival Main Event
- 6. Jazz at Beer Tent
- 8. Consume
- 9. Fun & _____



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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
FARMER'S MARKET—Produce, old-time craft demonstrations, continuous corn roast. Depot Town.		7 am-3 pm	
BARN AND YARD SALE—Sponsored by Ypsilanti Historical Society. Historical Museum Lawn, N. Huron St.		8 am-late	
GREAT TRAIN RACE—6.22 mile run, sponsored by Depot Town Assoc., starts and ends at Depot Town Farmers' Market.			8 am
ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Tent, Riverside Park.			9am-1:30 pm
HERITAGE ART FAIR—Riverside Park and Depot Town. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
DEMONSTRATIONS OF EARLY CRAFTS—Sponsored by Historic East Side Assoc., artisans, all in costume, will demonstrate crafts. Riverside Park and Depot Town. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BOOTHS—Crafts, food, games, information, special events. Riverside Park and Depot Town. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
PIONEER VILLAGE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES—Sponsored by Ypsilanti Public Schools, crafts, games, music, dance, school life, artifacts, display, special events on pioneer life, and more. Living history dramatizations by Detroit Historical Museum, "Yesterday on Tour." Riverside Park. Full day admission, 25¢.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
COVERED WAGON ENCAMPMENT—Sponsored by Michigan Bicentennial Wagon Train Club. Riverside Park. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
TIMBER FRAMING AND BARN RAISING—Riverbend Timber Framing will demonstrate post and beam construction. An actual barn raising will be conducted Sunday afternoon. Riverside Park. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW—N. Washington St. north of Cross, and Cross St. at N. Huron. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
PONY AND HORSE AND BUGGY RIDES—South end of Riverside Park.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
OLD CABOOSE OPEN HOUSE—Depot Town. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
WASHTENAW COUNTY POSTCARD COLLECTORS DISPLAY—Depot Town. Free.	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-6 pm
HORSE SHOE PITCHING CONTEST—Frog Island. Free.			10 am-1 pm
YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM—N. Huron St. Free.	10 am-5 pm	10 am-8:30 pm	10 am-5 pm
MATERIALS UNLIMITED OPEN HOUSE—Antiques and antique building supplies, free refreshments. Downtown, 2 W. Michigan.	10 am-5 pm	10 am-5 pm	10 am-5 pm
HELICOPTER TOUR OF HISTORIC YPSILANTI—See Depot Town, historic buildings and the Water Tower from the air. Downtown, Ferris St. Parking Lot. Sponsored by Central Business Community.		10 am-5 pm	12 am-9 pm
HISTORIC TOWNER HOUSE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM—Open House. N. Huron St. Free.	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm
HISTORIC ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Tours of church, bake sale, book sale, farm animals for children to pet. 120 N. Huron St.	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	
LIONS OF MICHIGAN SIGHTMOBILE—Free information and eye test. Driveway next to Historical Museum, N. Huron St.	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm
HISTORIC OLD LIBRARY—Open House courtesy of owner Tom Durant. Presentation on historic preservation in Ypsilanti, Old Library restoration and the Story of Willow Run. N. Huron St. Free.		10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm
HISTORIC OLD COURT BUILDING—Open House, courtesy of law firm of Stripp, Roberts, and Manchester. 205 N. Huron St. Free.		10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm
ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE—Sponsored by Friends of the Towner House Children's Museum. Ypsilanti Central Community Building, 210 W. Cross. Admission: \$1.		10 am-8 pm	11 am-6 pm
SALVATION ARMY BAND—Stage, Riverside Park.			11 am
MICHIGAN BRASS QUINTET—Concert and dedication of new stage. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.	5 pm		
STONEY CREEK, BLUEGRASS—Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		5 pm	
BEARD AND MUSTACHE CONTEST—Stage, Riverside Park. Free.			5 pm
ANTIQUE AUCTION—Sponsored by Farmers' Market. Ypsilanti Central Community Building, Washington St.			5 pm
COMMUNITY ROPE PULL—Riverside Park. Free.			5:30 pm
CRAZY HAT CONTEST—Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		5:45 pm	
BURLESQUE: EUQSEIRUB—A "G-rated" parody of a unique American art form, produced by Ypsilanti Players. Freight House, Depot Town.	8 pm	5 pm	3 pm
HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES—Ascend 150 feet above Downtown Ypsilanti. Ferris St. Parking Lot. Sponsored by Central Business Community.		6 pm-9 pm	
BIRMINGHAM CELTIC PIPE AND DRUM CONCERT—With Highland Dancers. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		7 pm	
WESTERN SQUARE DANCE DEMONSTRATION AND FREE DANCE—Featuring the Merry Squares. Sponsored by Central Business Community. Washington St. Promenade. Free.	7:30 pm-10:30 pm		

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
COLLECTIBLES ROOM. THRIFT SHOP SALE—Downtown, 14 S. Washington.	11 am-4 pm	11 am-2 pm	
HERITAGE FESTIVAL PARADE—Forms in Recreation Park, east on Congress St., east on Michigan Ave., north on Huron St. to Forest Ave.		11 am	
SPAGHETTI BENDER SIDEWALK CAFE—Downtown, 23 N. Washington St.	11 am-late	11 am-late	11 am-late
OLD FASHIONED BEER GARDEN—Sponsored by Central Business Community, Downtown, Ferris St. Parking Lot.		noon-10 pm	noon-7 pm
HISTORIC HOME TOUR—Sponsored by Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, tickets at Festival booths at Historical Museum and bridge. Adults: \$3. Seniors: \$2. Children under 12: \$1.50		noon-5 pm	
REGISTRATION FOR FREE MICROWAVE—Sponsored by National Bank of Ypsilanti. Near bridge, Depot Town.	noon-8 pm	noon-8 pm	11 am-4 pm
KIWANIS CHICKEN BARBEQUE—Tent, Riverside Park.		noon-8 pm	
OLD VEHICLE MUSEUM—Historic former fire department building, courtesy of owner Tom Conway. Cross St. Free.		noon-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL—Presbyterian Church yard, N. Washington St.		noon-5 pm	noon-5 pm
DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM—Includes repelling and karate. Downtown, Ferris St. Parking Lot. Sponsored by Central Business Community. Free.		noon & 4 pm	1 & 4 pm
BEER TENT AND JAZZ COMPETITION—Sponsored by Depot Town Assoc. and WEMU Radio. Depot Town.	1 pm-2 am	1 pm-2 am	1 pm-6 pm
RAGTIME CHARLIE AND SISTER KATE—Stage, Riverside Park. Free.	1 pm		
19TH CENTURY WATER TOWER—Open House, sponsored by Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. Cross St. at Washtenaw Ave.		1 pm-5 pm	1 pm-5 pm
GOSPEL SINGING JUBILEE—Church choirs from throughout the City. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		1 pm	
1ST MICHIGAN COLONIAL FIFE AND DRUM—Muster Concert, Riverside Park.		1:30 pm & 4 pm	
YPSILANTI GYMNASTICS CLUB DEMONSTRATION—Frog Island. Free.		1:30 & 7:30 pm	1:30 & 4:30 pm
SUMPTER COMMUNITY CHORUS—Stage, Riverside Park. Free.			2 pm
TERRIBLE TENNIS CONTEST—New pair of sneakers awarded to youngster with the most rotten sneakers, sponsored by Willoughbys' Shoes. Downtown, Ferris St. Parking Lot.		2 pm	
HERITAGE STYLE SHOW AND CONTEST—Stage Riverside Park. Free.		2 pm	
FRANZEN BROTHERS CIRCUS—Big Top Tent, Frog Island.	2 & 8 pm	2 & 8 pm	2 & 5 pm
OLD STYLE CHAUTAUQUA DEBATES AND ORATORY—EMU Forensics National Competition winners. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.	3 pm		
MICHIGAN 4-H PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE—Statewide singers, dancers, actors, direct from White House performance. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		3 pm	1 pm
RIVER RAFT RACE—Sponsored by Ypsilanti Firefighters, starts at Frog Island, ends near Pioneer Village. Free. (if rain, 11 am Sunday)		3 pm	
ACTION FIGURES—Original progressive rock, John Delcamp directing and in charge of sound systems and announcements, festival awards and presentations. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.			3 pm
FIFTH MICHIGAN REGIMENT BAND—Michigan's official Bicentennial Band. Stage, Riverside Park. Free.		4 pm	
JAYCEE DINNER—Tent, Riverside Park.	4 pm-8 pm		
FROG JUMPING CONTEST—Frog Island. Free.			4 pm
THEATRICAL PRODUCTION—by Ypsilanti Arts Council. First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw.	8 pm	8 pm	
A-BUN-DANCE: STEVE BHAERMAN AND THE ELASTIC HEAD BAND—Laughing and dancing through the fifties and sixties and more. Freight House, Depot Town. Tickets at the door.		8 pm	
"DANCIN IN THE STREETS"—Good old fashioned Sock Hop. Live music. Sponsored by Spaghetti Bender. Downtown, Washington St. Promenade. Free.		8 pm	
BINGO—Times to be announced.			



Franzen Brothers Circus. Friday and Saturday 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Big top tent. Frog Island. Advance tickets available at Chamber of Commerce, \$2.00 children under 14; \$3.00 adults; last day for advance sale August 26, 1982. On days of performance, \$3.00 children under 14; \$4.00 adults.

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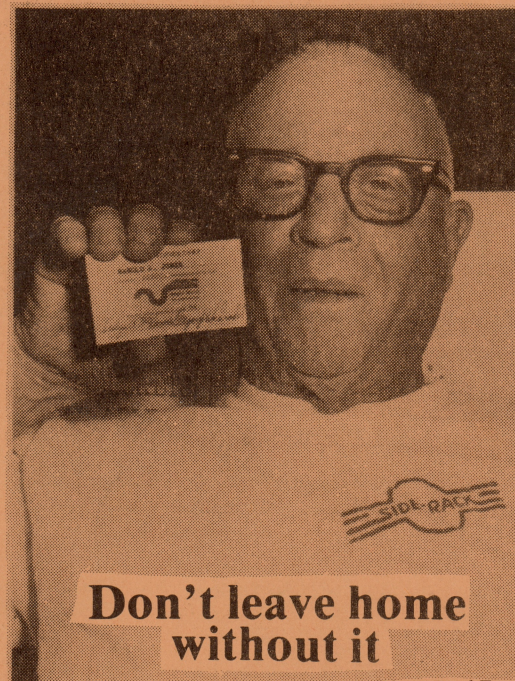
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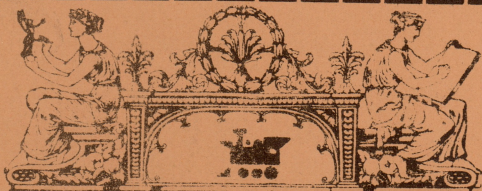
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friends and neighbors:

—Bev completed her MA in March and now holds the arts equivalent of a PhD.

—She is collecting material and researching for a seminar on Art Criticism and personal satisfaction. She has been invited for a one-woman show of her recent sculptures at BGSU at the end of October.

—Two of her recent works are now on display at the Toledo Museum of Art and she plans to show her recent works in the Freight House this fall.

It has long been a dream of her neighbors to exhibit a piece of Bev's more monunental works some where near the intersection of the rail line with the neighborhood. Once can asily imagine a dynamic work which shouts and rages, moving on to the next exciting challenge and standing as an example to the rest to epresent creativity, dynamism, strength and power. Seems such an installation near the tracks would look almost as good as the sight of Bev and Don once again sitting at their booth for breakfast at the Old Town. Welcome home, Bev. We missed the hell out of you!

Depot Town Rag:

I just thought I'd send this little note to your fine community newsletter since the big papers don't pay any attention to us good American's and ordinary folks like myself who are shocked and dismayed at the terrible things that are happening in today's world. What I amtalking about, as if you didn't know, is the fact that they are just going to ruin our lovely Heritage Festival with that sleazy burlesk show which follows the pattern, I suppose, of those dance hall days in the 1800's; but do we have to look at the seamy side of our history too, for heaven's sake? I mean wasn't the movie theatre and book stores for adults just about the last straw? Adult, you know, means dirty, and I mean, I think it's just awful and the farmers are letting them use the Freight House for this disgusting display of nudity and filthy talk on August 27, 28, 29, Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday (even!) at 3 p.m. Now, wouldn't you know, two of our formerly respected businesses (...and Everything Nice and Silkworth Tire) are even selling advance tickets at \$2.50 for children (of all things) and senior citizens (as if they need some kind of stimulation or something) and \$3.50 for everybody else. Tickets are also available at the door, they tell me, and what is this world coming to any way I want to know. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

*Mrs. Grace L. Furguson,
long time Ypsilanti resident
and concerned citizen
and I used to shop at Sinkule's in Depot Town before they wrecked
everything down there.*



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